

**Weekly  
 Bulletin  
 12<sup>th</sup> September  
 2017**

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**Thank You SOCS!**



Following a successful fundraising campaign, the new outdoor play area is now open for business. The photo shows the official opening by Mrs Barksby, Croft's longest serving staff member and much-loved midday supervisor, cutting the ribbon prior to last year's 2T class trying out the new equipment. The children in all year groups have since had the opportunity to use the equipment and it is proving very popular. Remember that all parents and grandparents are automatically members of SOCS (Supporters of Croft School) and we really appreciate your input.

The date of this year's Annual General Meeting will be published shortly and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Welcome Meetings**

You will have already received your invitation to come along to (or already attended) a welcome meeting for your child's new class. The meetings provide an ideal opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and support staff and find out more about what they will be doing throughout the year and how you can best support your child. Every year group is unique with specific opportunities and provision available. The sessions are repeated to give you as much flexibility as possible, particularly if you have children in more than one year group. Let us know if you have any questions.

**Data Collection Forms**

Your child will be bringing home a new, bright pink data collection form this week for you to update your contact details. We ask that you check it, make any necessary alterations, especially for mobile phone numbers and e-mail addresses, and return to school as soon as possible.

**We Love Reading**

This academic year we are having a big push on promoting reading for pleasure – your child may already have shared this with you. Your help in this is essential and a really good (and free) way of getting children excited in books is to join the library. If you have any school reading books at home, hidden under beds and sofas, we will be delighted to get them back.

**Every Minute Counts...**

Be on time



at five to nine

A polite reminder that school begins promptly at 8.55am every morning. The doors are opened at 8.45am and staff are there to welcome your children and ensure they have a positive start to the day. At 8.55am, registration takes place and lessons begin. We appreciate parents leaving as soon as possible after bringing your child to school to enable us to make the most of teaching time and develop the children's independence. The KS1 corridor and classrooms are very congested and we are unable to accommodate buggies. Please speak to your child's teacher if you require special assistance.

**Prestigious Award for Sutton Lawn**

Earlier in the year, pupils from the Eco-Council at Croft were invited to take part in the Community Orchard Planting on Sutton Lawn. As a result of this, we received an invitation to attend the Sutton Lawn Green Flag raising award ceremony. Mr Williams and governor Ms Ashmore, accompanied six Y5 children to the event which was officiated by the Vice-Chair of Ashfield District Council, Councillor Mike Smith. Croft governors David Griffiths and Bryan Denham were also present. The children behaved beautifully, as always, and were treated to a delicious spread of cream cakes provided by Rumbles Café for their hard work and involvement.



# Diary Dates - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## SEPTEMBER 2017

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September    | - Y2 Welcome meeting in 2TL at 3.40pm                  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September    | - Kingswood Meeting in hall at 3.45pm                  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September   | - Y5 Welcome meeting in 5D at 9.10am                   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | - Y2 Welcome meeting in 2TL at 9.10am                  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | - Y6 Welcome meeting in 6P at 3.40pm                   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | - Y5 Welcome meeting in 5D at 3.40pm                   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September  | - Y4 Welcome meeting in 4W at 3.40pm                   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September    | - Y5 residential visit to Derne Valley                 |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September    | - Y5 back from Derne Valley                            |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | - Y6 Welcome meeting in 6P at 5.00pm                   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | - Pupils & Strategic Committee meeting at 5.30pm       |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September  | - Foundation Stage Welcome meeting at 3.45pm or 5.00pm |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | - School Improvement Committee meeting at 5.00pm       |

## OCTOBER 2017

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| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October  | - INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)                               |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  | - School Closed October Half Term                                   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October  | - Pupils Back to School   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October  | - Personnel, Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting at 5.00pm |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October | - Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm                             |

## FUTURE INSET DATES

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| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018      |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018      |